

Coimbatore District and 27,000 acres in Salem District.

"Re-modelling of Kattalaj had regulator about 40 miles upstream of grand anicut.

"The drawing of Pullambadi Channel from the left bank of the Upper Anicut.

"All the three are expected to bring an additional extent of 70,000 acres under irrigation in the Madras territory."

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—May I know the years in which these projects were taken up?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—For the first time there was a Press note in 'Deccan Herald' indicating that the Madras Government proposed to take these projects and it was in the year 1954. Immediately we got the information we corresponded with the Madras Government and told them that this was not in keeping with the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into by us and where the interpretation of the Madras Government has been different from our interpretation with regard to the terms and conditions of the agreement, the matter has been referred to the Planning Commission by the Government of Madras and as I already submitted, the unfortunate aspect of it is that the Planning Commission has included them in the Plan and approved them without reference to us.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it not a fact that an Inter-State River Valley Dispute Board ought to have been constituted and that the Planning Commission was not the proper authority to settle the dispute?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The Planning Commission has done their portion of the work. Their job is to provide funds for them and include them and give direction for their execution. It is open to the Government of Mysore to seek such relief as may be permissible under the law and under the agreement.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is there a scope for you to obtain a stay

order and if in the meantime the Government of Madras completes the projects what relief is given to us?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government are taking all steps that are necessary. We have requested the Government to appoint a Tribunal in order to go into the question and that is what is provided for under the Agreement and we have been moving the Government in all possible manner to see that relief is given.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—If in the meantime the projects get complete and are given effect to, what is the Government of Mysore going to do; is it not necessary that the Government of Mysore should tell the Government of India that till such time as this matter is disposed of either by the independent Tribunal or by the Government of India in consultation with the Planning Commission, they should give directions that the execution of the projects should be held up?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is not as though the Hon'ble Member's suggestion is not under the consideration of Government. But we wanted to exhaust all other remedies before taking a remedy of the kind suggested by the Hon'ble Member.

Starting of low shaft furnaces in the State.

*Q.—410. Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Hospet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that the Government of India through the National Metallurgical Laboratory has erected and started a Low Shaft Furnace at Jamshedpur for producing pig iron in very small units by using non-coking and, or non-metallurgical coals and lignite that is found in large quantities in the country;

(b) whether they intend to utilise the services of the pilot plant mentioned above to carry out tests with our

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iron ores and the coal and lignite that are available in States adjoining to our own with a view to start similar Low Shaft Furnaces in the iron mine areas of Hospet, Bellary and other similar places?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) The State Government have no official information so far.

(b) The question does not arise at this stage.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—In answer to (a) it is stated that Government do not have official information. I think Government have some unofficial information. Are the Government aware that the National Metallurgical Laboratory at Jamshedpur is carrying out through a pilot plant experiments to find out how non-coking coals and lignite can be used for the purpose of starting a low shaft furnace?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I will explain the whole position. The low shaft furnace practice is a comparatively recent innovation and is now being tried out on a pilot plant scale by the National Metallurgical Laboratory at Jamshedpur. When the Mysore Iron and Steel Works was started at Bhadravati the conventional type of Blast Furnace was installed in 1923. Later, the Works installed Electric Pig Iron Furnaces in 1951-52 as it was considered economical to use electric power available at Jog instead of coal and coke to be brought from Bihar. The future expansion at Bhadravati is envisaged in the direction of putting up more electric pig iron furnaces.

It is however contemplated that a low shaft furnace may be put up at Hospet after the trials at present being conducted at Jamshedpur prove successful and suitable to our conditions.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Other Governments are already sending their iron ore samples and non-coking coals and lignite for trials and experiments in Jamshedpur. Will our Government do the same?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We are already in correspondence with Jamshedpur and will get the results very soon.

Starting of Bauxite Industry in Belgaum.

*Q.—416. Sri A. J. DODDAMETI (Ron).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal in regard to the starting of bauxite industry in Belgaum is under active consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, how far the matter has progressed;

(c) if not, why?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is still under consideration. Necessary information and data are being collected.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (b).

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡಮೇಟಿ.—ಇದು ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿನಗಳ ರಾಗಾಯಿತು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ದಿವಸದಿಂದ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡಮೇಟಿ.—ಎಂದರೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ತಿಂಗಳಿಂದ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನಿಂದ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡಮೇಟಿ.—ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಏನಾದರೂ material ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—Material ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದಲ್ಲ. ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ Bauxite ore ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಇದೆ. ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಕಡಮೆ ಇದೆ. ಅವರೂ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿದರೆ, ಹೊಸ ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡಮೇಟಿ.—ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದೊಡನೆ ಪತ್ರ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ ನಡೆದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಅದರ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯಿಲ್ಲ. ಯಾರು ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿಯನ್ನು start ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದಿ ದ್ದಾರೋ ಅವರು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಹಾಕಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಆಗಲೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಬರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—What is the amount available in Belgaum District? Is it sufficient to start the factory?